



Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot

Long Beach, CA

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower States, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. Since 1995, EPA has funded more than 200 Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots, at up to \$200,000 each, to support creative two-year explorations and demonstrations of brownfields solutions. The Pilots are intended to provide EPA, States, Tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

EPA has selected the City of Long Beach for a Brownfields Pilot. Long Beach (population 424,000) has identified four major brownfields areas and numerous smaller environmentally impacted sites throughout the City. Long Beach plans to develop one of the targeted brownfields sites into a sports park.

The Pilot's targeted site is a 56-acre property that is an extension of Long Beach into the City of Signal Hill. The area has been the site of oil and gas production, waste and debris disposal, trash separation facilities, and other light and medium industries. The sports park stands to be a focus for the widespread application of cleanup standards, elimination of blight, and expansion of development in the area. Residents in this area are 79% minority, and 21% live in poverty. Contamination at the targeted site has halted previous redevelopment efforts, including an automall in 1988, a retail center in 1991, a warehouse in 1994, and a race track in 1996.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



*Long Beach,
California*

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Amount: \$200,000

Profile: The Pilot targets a brownfield property in the City of Long Beach for assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment into a sports park to improve environmental conditions at the site and to stimulate the area economy.

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Visit the EPA Region 9 Brownfields web site at:
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/index.html>

For further information, including specific Pilot contacts, additional Pilot information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

OBJECTIVES

The Pilot's long-term objective is to improve environmental conditions at the targeted site and stimulate the surrounding economies of both Long Beach and Signal Hill. The Pilot program will provide a model for successful brownfields redevelopment in Long Beach so the City's other brownfields will have an available road map to recovery.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Developing an inventory of specific contaminated segments of the site for cleanup;
- Conducting an assessment of health risks and potential environmental impacts on the various properties at the targeted site;
- Preparing plans and designs to mitigate identified hazardous materials; and
- Developing a community and business interaction plan to encourage community and business participation and cooperation in the area.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.